

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., Jun 3, 1899

W. T. Smith, Esq.,

Sect'y Pan-American Exposition,

Buffalo, New York.

Referring to your letter of the 1st ultimo, in reference to medal  
be prepared, authorized to be struck by Section 5, act of March 3,  
1899, you are respectfully informed that the first steps to be taken  
by your committee is the selection of the design for the medal.  
It is the desire of the committee that the dies for the medal should  
be prepared by the Engraver of the Mint, designs should be submitted  
as early as practicable.

The dies for the medal of award for the world's fair were  
prepared by the engraver of the mint, while the dies for the Atlanta  
and Omaha expositions were prepared by outside parties and manufacturer  
by them.

The exposition would be charged with the exact cost of prepara-  
tion of dies also the cost of the medals struck. The medals not

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to be over  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to 3" in diameter. I would suggest as to the design  
your committee confer with the Engraver at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully yours,

*Geo C. Holman*

Director of the Mint.

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